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Mr. William A. Bonnet
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
P. O. Box 580
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Dear Bill:

This is to let you know that the Marshallese arrived safely and we are proceeding with the examinations. Next Monday we will have a meeting of consultants to decide about surgery in Boston. I appreciate very much the splendid help that you and Bill Streenan are furnishing in this project.

I am enclosing copies of two letters which I received from the islands that might be of interest to you in regard to the Amata Kabua situation. I think that Amata was probably peeved about our criticism of his ship. I would be anxious to hear from you in regard to Bill Streenan's visit to the islands.

Recently I was on the AEC Committee which met in Washington to decide about the safety of returning the Bikini people. I understood that there would be a White House release any time now concerning the favorable results of our conference in regard to the return of the people. As you know we will probably be involved since it would be necessary for us to maintain checks on their internal body burden of radioisotopes once they were returned to Bikini. I will keep you informed about this matter. With best regards.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert A. Conard, M.D.

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P.S. Lehee, the interpreter with the Marshallese says he has talked to Rongerik people and has heard nothing about any dissatisfaction etc.

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